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BLANK ET AL.

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MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006, the shortened-statutory period for response having been extended to months pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to November 30, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Amendments to the Specification**, beginning on page 2;
- II. **Amendments to the Claims**, beginning on page 4;
- III. **Amendments to the Drawings**, beginning on page 9; and
- IV. **Remarks**, beginning on page 10.

Applicant notes that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, including the two-month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, along with an authorization to charge these fees and any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.